

## STEPHENSON CASE OPENS

Election of Wisconsin Senator Investigated

SAID TO HAVE KEPT SECRET

Many Disbursements—Managers Reported Only \$107,793 Expenses—Senator Is Defended by Former Congressman Littlefield.

Milwaukee, Oct. 3.—On the witness stand before the senatorial investigating committee for three hours to answer charges that bribery and the corrupt use of money had contributed to his election, United States Senator Isaac Stephenson yesterday testified that although he spent \$107,793 in his campaign, he had little knowledge as to how it was spent, except that it was not used in violation of law.

Details, he said, he had left to his campaign managers. The witness testified he frequently asked where so much money was going, but on being told it was a close fight and that the state had to be systematically canvassed to elect him, he questioned the matter no further.

Senator W. B. Heyburn of Idaho, the chairman of the investigating committee, opened the inquiry. Former Representative Charles E. Littlefield of Maine and W. F. Black of Milwaukee, act as counsel for the "defense." The other members of the committee are Senators George Sutherland, Republican, of Utah, and Atlee Pomerene, Democrat, of Ohio. The charges against Senator Stephenson were presented in a declaration by John J. Blain of Boston, Wis., who charged the senator with having paid to E. A. Edwards \$107,793 to be used in Senator Stephenson's primary campaign for the nomination, and that the money was used corruptly.

At the beginning of the inquiry, Mr. Littlefield said on behalf of the senator: "At the outset we wish to state that Senator Stephenson is now in his 83d year. His character so far has been without spot or blemish. Any result which comes from this investigation is, therefore, of vital interest to him. It is essential that we should see what it is to be investigated."

Mr. Littlefield urged that the charges related to the primary nomination, whereas the present committee was authorized by the United States Senate to investigate only the election of Mr. Stephenson.

## MADERO ALONE IN THE ELECTION

Vote Practically Unanimous for Provisional President in One-Sided Contest in Mexico.

Mexico City, Oct. 3.—The returns from Sunday's elections are coming in slowly and indicate that Gen. Madero has received a practically unanimous vote for the presidency. Few of Gen. Reyes' partisans voted because of their leader's withdrawal, and Madero was left the only remaining candidate who had been regularly nominated.

No vice president candidate seemingly has a sweeping victory. From claims advanced by the progressives and the Catholic party it appeared that the race between Pina Suarez and President de la Barra was close, but the Vauistas were unwilling to concede the defeat of Dr. Vasquez Gomez, claiming large gains in Guadalajara, Zacatecas, Guanajuato, Puebla, and Aguas Calientes.

## INDICT FOUR FOR ROBBER BUTLER

Charged With Luring Boston Man to Providence.

Providence, R. I., Oct. 3.—The four men who are alleged to have robbed Samuel Butler, a Boston junk dealer, of \$7,500 here on July 18, were indicted by the grand jury yesterday. John Ogden, town treasurer of North Providence, who is charged with embezzling the town's funds, also was indicted.

## ANOTHER AVIATOR KILLED.

Dixon Falls at Spokane Fair—Every Bone Broken.

Spokane, Oct. 3.—Aviator Dixon, who crossed the Rocky mountains Saturday, fell 100 feet at the fair grounds here yesterday and was killed.

His machine was caught by an adverse current of air and plunged into a rocky railroad cut. Nearly every bone in Dixon's body was broken.

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J. L. KNOWLES, Headland, Ala. Personally appeared before me this 8th day of September, 1909, J. L. Knowles who subscribed the above statement and made oath that the same is true in substance and in fact.

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Yesterday's American League Results.

At Cleveland, Cleveland 7; Detroit 4.

American League Standing.

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Philadelphia	98	48	.671
Detroit	87	61	.588
Cleveland	78	61	.561
New York	70	71	.517
Chicago	74	72	.507
Boston	74	75	.490
Washington	62	86	.419
St. Louis	41	105	.281

Yesterday's National League Results.

At Philadelphia, Philadelphia 6; Boston 3.

At Pittsburgh, New York 6; Pittsburgh 3.

National League Standing.

	Won	Lost	Pct.
New York	83	50	.550
Chicago	87	60	.592
Pittsburgh	84	67	.556
Philadelphia	79	66	.545
St. Louis	73	70	.511
Cincinnati	68	81	.456
Brooklyn	60	82	.423
Boston	38	106	.264

WILLIE HOPPE ACCEPTS.

Billiard Champion to Defend Title Against Sutton.

New York, Oct. 3.—That Willie Hoppe intends continuing playing billiards in defense of his 181 and 182 national titles is made certain by his acceptance of the challenge issued recently by George H. Sutton to play for the 182 championship. Hoppe is expected to return to this city to-day, when the forfeit money will be posted and a date determined upon.

Under the rules, the match can be decided upon one night's play of 500 points, but the defender has the privilege to make it three nights or more, if he so desires. The game will be for \$300 a side and will very likely be in the Madison Square garden concert hall.

## HAMMER THROWS TO BE WITHIN A FENCE

Western Conference Adopts a Plan to Safeguard the Crowd of Spectators.

Chicago, Oct. 3.—When the western conference track and field championships are held next spring, the hammer throwers will perform in a space inclosed by a wire fence in order to remove all possibility of injury to any of the spectators who may too near the competitors during the event. It was only upon this condition that the hammer throw was retained in the list of western conference championship events and some of the representatives present at the meeting, Sunday, were in favor of its abolishment.

Last season, at Indiana, a death followed a hammer throwing competition and this fact is responsible for the radical action just taken by the conference officials.

## HACK WAS SCARED

Says Former Trainer of the Russian Wrestler Recently.

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 3.—"So scared was George Hackenschmidt of Frank Gotch that it took \$2,500 in cold cash a few minutes before the match to make him appear in the ring on the feature Labor day," says Dr. B. F. Roller, the Russian's former trainer, who is now in Seattle.

"Hack was simply afraid," said Roller Sunday. "There was nothing else the matter with him; just a case of plain cowardice. For a whole week before the match he was in a state of terror, so scared he was unable to sleep. When we left England he was in the best possible shape and would have been at the match if he hadn't broken down and lost his heart."

"There was nothing seriously the matter with his knee. There wasn't a bruise on his whole body that a football player or any of the other great wrestlers would not have laughed at. He was beaten before he entered the ring. And at that I didn't take much of a beating. I think that any of the best known of the grapples could have turned the trick that day with Hack's courage in the state it was."

"As far as Gotch is concerned, he is not the man he was when he wrestled Mahomet a couple of years ago. Frank has gone back and back a long way, and I don't think that he will ever appear on the mat again. Pretty fair proof of it is the way Zvezko called him when he offered \$10,000 for a match. Gotch is done as a wrestler for all time."

Roller thinks that the next great wrestler will probably be a Hindu and picks a big fellow named Ahmad Bux as a likely aspirant.

"These Indians are going to make a noise in the wrestling game and I think that Bux will be one of the first to attain prominence, as he has everything a wrestler needs."

Roller came over from North Yakima Sunday and joined his wife, who has been in the city several days.

## ATHLETICS COMPULSORY.

Worcester Academy Out With an Announcement to That Effect.

Worcester, Mass., Oct. 3.—In the future, athletics among the students of the Worcester academy will be compulsory, although the branches of sport which the student indulges will be left to his individual selection. All athletics will be under the direction of Physical Director G. N. Messer. Class competitions will be made more prominent than in the past. This fall there will be a class football series, a class track meet and a class cross-country run, in the latter event each class being required to be represented by a team of at least five men.

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## "HELD WIRE" FOR BROTHER'S ARREST

Sisters of Man Accused of Wife Murder Had to Listen to All Accusations Against Him.

Dixon, Ill., Oct. 3.—Hazel and Rilla Webster, sisters of Dr. Harry E. Webster of Chicago, who Sunday night confessed to the police that he murdered his wife near here, went through a trying experience on Saturday night.

The girls are the night operators in the local telephone office, and while attending to her duties, Hazel, the younger of the two, heard a message going over the wires from the Dixon authorities to the Chicago police.

"The body found here has positively been identified as that of Mrs. Webster," said a man's voice. "Arrest Webster and hold him."

"All right," answered the desk sergeant at the Chicago avenue police station.

Rilla, stunned by the shock, turned from the switchboard in time to catch her sister, who had collapsed. The elder sister called for help, and sent her sister home. Then she straightened out the tangle of wires and went back to her post.

Calls poured in from every direction. Newspaper correspondents were demanding connections with their offices in Chicago, and the residents of Dixon put in many calls.

Frequently the girl was asked for news of the murder.

She replied courteously to all questions, and stuck to her post until 7 o'clock Sunday morning.

Dr. Webster was taken yesterday to Logan, county seat of Ogle county, where he confessed he murdered one of his two wives a fortnight ago. She was Bessie Kent, daughter of a contractor, who met the physician while she was a trained nurse. He had married her under threats by her relatives while already a husband, and committed the murder through fear of exposure.

The physician, whose nonchalance had excited the wonder of the police, sobbed as he lifted the curtain on a dual life that had existed since his second marriage last January.

He told how he had taken two wives within a week. He also related in detail his efforts to rid himself of the second wife, how she had insisted that she loved him and had pleaded to be introduced to his parents. It was this desire that led her to follow him to Dixon and to her death.

The remainder of the story, viewed from Dr. Webster's standpoint, was simple enough. He became so enraged at the woman's perseverance in following him that he decided to kill her.

He says she drove with him in a buggy to the almost inaccessible spot in the woods where her body was found a few days ago. There he threw from the vehicle, hurled a suit case and a traveling bag at her head, and finally, he said, he leaped from the buggy and stabbed her several times in the throat.

## STEAMER SUNK IN COLLISION; 20 MEN DROWNED

British Ship Hatfield Goes to the Bottom in Crash Near Rotterdam.

London, Oct. 3.—The British steamer Hatfield, from Huelva, Spain, for Rotterdam, was in collision yesterday with the British steamer Glasgow from Rotterdam for Dundee, and sunk. All the members of the Hatfield's crew, numbering about 30 men, were drowned. At 8 o'clock yesterday morning, the steamer sailed for Buenos Ayres.

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## TAFT TOAST BY BRYAN

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EXTENDS CORDIAL GREETING

Forenoon Is Spent in Seeing Omaha—Four Hundred Men at the Luncheon in Lincoln.

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 3.—President Taft received a cordial non-partisan welcome to Nebraska and to Lincoln yesterday. William J. Bryan, rising before the 400 guests at the luncheon given here in Mr. Taft's honor, proposed a toast to the president of the United States.

Following breakfast at the Omaha club where he spent the night, Mr. Taft was taken on an automobile ride through the city. An address to high school children concluded his program there. The president started out from the Omaha club in a drizzling rain, and before he had gone two blocks the car was stopped. Mr. Taft stood up and while persons on the sidewalk cheered he donned an overcoat. On his trip to the high school, United States Senators Brown and Hitchcock accompanied the president. He spoke to several hundred high school pupils on peace and arbitration. It was an epitome of the speech the president intended to make in the auditorium in Omaha Sunday. On the automobile ride the president was taken through Miller park and Fort Omaha. In Miller park, Mr. Taft waved a friendly greeting to twin babies whose mother had brought them out in the rain carefully tucked under blankets. At Fort Omaha Company A of the Signal Corps went through some rapid maneuvers for his benefit.

The entertainment of the president at Omaha, at Lincoln and at Hastings last night was of a non-partisan character, but the atmosphere was surcharged with politics.

President Taft met a hearty welcome in all three cities. Republican leaders with whom the president talked were anything but optimistic over the prospect of harmonizing the party differences in the state.

## CHORUS GIRLS GIVE TAFT CHASE

Want Cap As Souvenir and Go After It by Trailing His Train Through the Yards.

Omaha, Oct. 3.—President Taft did a shocking thing at Vernon, Neb., on his long trip. A trail of chorus girls threw kisses at him and the president waved back at them and smiled!

The storm was responsible for the president's passing the time of day with the ladies of the "merry merry." His train and two others were held up at the Nebraska town. One carried a musical company with fifty chorus girls.

As the president's train passed, several leaped from their train, which was standing still, and one, picking up her skirts, ran up the track after the train. "Throw me your cap for a souvenir," she cried to Mr. Taft.

He watched her interestedly, but shook his head. She did not give up her chase until she stumbled and fell.

An early riser at Rushville, wandering down to the station, spied the strange train on the side track.

"What train is that?" he inquired.

"The president's," replied a railroad man.

"What President Bryan?" queried the old man.

At Atchison and at Falls City Mr. Taft appeared on the rear platform and chatted with the groups at the station.

"The old Missouri gets pretty high here sometimes, doesn't it?" Mr. Taft inquired of a bystander at Atchison.

"I don't know, Mr. President," he replied. "I am just a rambler out here."

"Then," laughed the president, "you and I have something in common."

## ALBANY SESSION LENGTHENED.

By Failure of Senate and House to Agree on Direct Nomination Bill.

Albany, N. Y., Oct. 3.—Sunday morning, the legislature adjourned after an all-night struggle over the question of direct nominations, which has been a bone of contention among legislators for five years. The Senate passed one bill and the Assembly another, thereby upsetting the plans for final adjournment Saturday and protracting the session at least another week. Legislators said it was the first time the legislature was ever in session on a Sunday.

Saturday afternoon the Senate passed the Hinman-Green bill of last year, after it had been amended so as to retain the state convention and the New York state ballot in preference to the Massachusetts ballot. Then it adopted a resolution calling for sine-die adjournment of the legislature at 5 p. m., and declared a recess to await the Assembly's action. When the bill reached the lower house, where the organization leaders planned to kill it, it quickly was referred to the judiciary committee and unsuccessful efforts to bring it to a vote led to an all-night session.

Governor Dix soon learned that the opponents of the bill were blocking all efforts to pass the measure. He sent for Majority Leader Smith and told him plainly that unless a vote on direct nominations was permitted before adjournment he would summon the legislature back immediately in extraordinary session. A recess was declared and there was a hurried conference between the Democratic leaders and the governor to determine what should be done. It was apparent from earlier attempts to get the bill out of the Senate that it had sufficient backing in the lower house to insure its passage if it could be brought to a vote, but this the leaders determined to prevent if possible.

It was after midnight before the conference with the governor broke up. The governor finally consented to the passage of the Hinman-Green bill and a consequent adjournment of the legislature over to another week to permit Senate action. This measure provides for the direct nomination of all but elective state officers, including party committees. It retains the New York state

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